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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foodgrains grown in the country during the last three years, Crop-wise;

(b) whether the quantity grown is adequate to meet the needs of the country, if so, the details thereof including the consumption of various foodgrains, Crop-wise;

(c) the details of the foodgrains, pulses imported from various countries since to meet the shortfall in agricultural production;

(d) whether there is a need to devise agricultural equipments that would reduce manned labour and increase production; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Table below presents the crop-wise details of the foodgrains production and consumption during the years 2004-05 to 2006-07:

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Production	Household Consumption	Production	Household Consumption	Production	Household Consumption
Rice	83.13	85.77	91.79	87.01	93.36	88.25
Wheat	68.64	65.59	69.35	66.60	75.81	67.60
Coarse Cereals	33.46	15.53	34.07	15.74	33.92	15.95
Pulses	13.13	10.53	13.38	10.70	14.20	10.86
Foodgr -ians	198.36	177.42	208.60	180.05	217.28	182.65

Note: The household consumption is based on the National Sample Survey 61st Round Report on `Household Consumption of Various Goods and Services in India, 2004-05` and the population projection given by the Office of the Registrar General of India.It includes seed, feed and wastage.

The quantity of different crops grown is adequate to meet the needs of the Country.

(c): Country imported 6.08 million tonnes of wheat during 2006-07 to augment the buffer stock. In case of pulses, a quantity of 1.34 million tonnes in 2004-05, 1.70 million tonnes in 2005-06 and 2.26 million tonnes in 2006-07 were imported to meet the overall demand.

(d)&(e): Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme `Promotion and Strengthening of Agricultural Mechanization through Training, Testing and Demonstration` under which frontline and field demonstrations are conducted for transfer of technical know how of the agricultural equipment developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and other research and development organizations. The improved agricultural equipments are also being promoted among farmers through the incentive in the form of subsidy under Macro Management Scheme, National Food Security Mission and Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojna.